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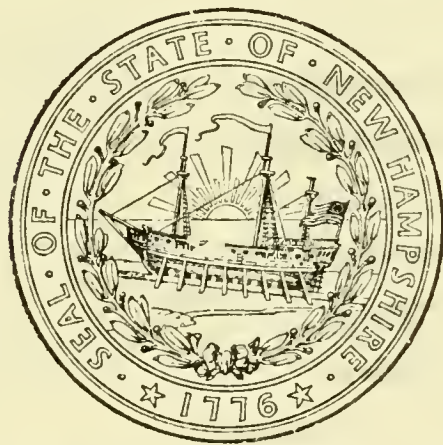
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ANNUAL REPORT  
for the  
Town  
of  
BRIDGEWATER  
New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending  
December 31, 1973

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View of Newfound Lake and countryside from Emery  
Farm on John Smith Hill Road taken by photographer  
Charles Tapply.

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**TOWN OFFICERS****— Town March Meeting —****Town Clerk**

PATRICIA MITCHELL	1974
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**Selectmen**

HOLLIS POLLARD	1976
MASON WESTFALL	1975
WILLIAM THISTLE	1974

**Treasurer**

CLARA JENNESS	1974
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**Tax Collector**

MARGARET THISTLE	1974
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**Trustees of Trust Funds**

HARRY SMITH	1976
FRANCIS W. CLEMENT	1975
DR. JAMES TOWNSEND	1974

**Library Trustees**

CLARA JENNESS	1976
GLORIA MOONEY	1975
MYRA CAVIS	1974

**— Elections —****Supervisors of Check List**

MYRA CAVIS	1978
JEAN WILCOX	1976
CECILE GRAY	1974

**Moderator**

RONALD TOWNE	1974
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**APPOINTMENTS****Forest Fire Warden**

HOLLIS POLLARD

**Deputy Wardens**

DELMORE BUCKLIN

JOHN L. JENNESS

RAYMOND TUCKER

**Chief of Police**

KENNETH RAYMOND



## **TOWN WARRANT**

### **The State of New Hampshire**

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the Fifth Day of March, next at twelve of the clock in the noon, to act upon the following subjects:

Polls to be opened from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 P. M.

Business Meeting at 8:00 P. M.

1. To choose a selectman for three (3) years and all other necessary Town Officers.
2. To elect Delegate(s) to the Constitutional Convention.
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$512.14 for TRA, provided the State contributes the sum of \$3414.23.
4. To see if the Town will vote to spend the 1974 State Highway Subsidy Fund for Town Construction.
5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Expenses as estimated in the budget.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to the Highway Dept. Capital Reserve Fund.
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,700.00 for the purchase of a 4 wheel drive dump truck complete with plow and frame and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000.00 for this purpose from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 with the Balance to be raised by taxation.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as set-offs against budget appropriations in the amount indicated; and fur-

ther authorize the Selectmen to make pro-rata reductions in the amounts if established entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon:

Appropriation	Estimated Amount
General Expenses Highway	\$4,000.00
Town Construction	5,500.00

9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to receive in the name of the Town any and all grants or relief from any other Governmental Divisions.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate and do all other things necessary to obtain such Federal, State, or other assistance as may be available for the report for, design of, and construction of a sewage disposal system, and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$750.00, for the purpose of updating the report on sewage and sewage treatment facilities, completing an infiltration/inflow analysis or any other requirements contained in P. L. 92-500 which will qualify the Town for Federal funds, such sum to be appropriated under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 33 of the New Hampshire Statutes Annotated 1955 and any amendments thereto) as shall be in the best interests of the Town of Bridgewater and pass any vote relating thereto.

12. To see if the Town will vote to elect the Tax Collector for a term of three (3) years and the Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years.

13. To see if the Town will vote to provide major medical insurance coverage to full time employees of the Town.

14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cass Road so called as an open highway and make said road subject to gates and bars as provided in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 238.2. (Planning Board).

15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance relating to Trailers and Mobile Homes. (Planning Board).

Whereas the Town of Bridgewater is concerned with the protection, public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants and seeks to provide and develop adequate community services for all its inhabitants with maximum efficiency and economy and further desires to encourage orderly and proper growth in all areas of housing and land development.

NOW THEREFORE, the following regulations are hereby adopted as a municipal ordinance for the Town of Bridgewater:

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

a. **Trailer or Mobile Home** shall mean and include any vehicle or portable structure constructed so as to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling for one or more persons including those trailer or mobile homes which have temporarily or permanently become stationary through the use of blocks or other foundations.

### **2. REGULATIONS**

a. No trailer or mobile home shall be located within the limits of the Town of Bridgewater.

### **3. EXCEPTIONS**

a. Any trailer or mobile home lawfully situated in the Town of Bridgewater at the effective date of this ordinance which conforms to all health and other regulations of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Bridgewater shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance for so long as said trailer or mobile home is not moved from the lot on which it is situated at the effective date of this ordinance.

b. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the storage of any trailer or mobile home when said trailer or mobile home is not used for living or sleeping purposes.

c. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the storage or use of campers or trailers when not used as a dwelling.

d. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the placement of prebuilt, double wide or modular homes or such homes by any other trade name.

### **4. PENALTIES**

a. Any person, association or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined no more than Ten (10) Dol-



lars for each day of each violation or neglect or refusal to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The Selectmen are further authorized to seek injunctive relief as well as the afore mentioned fine.

### **5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect as of the Fifteenth Day of May 1974.

16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance relating to Trailers and Mobile Homes. (Planning Board).

WHEREAS, The Town of Bridgewater is concerned with the protection, public health, safety and welfare of its inhabitants and seeks to provide and develop adequate community services for all its inhabitants with maximum efficiency and economy and further desires to encourage orderly and proper growth in all areas of housing and land development.

NOW THEREFORE, the following regulations are hereby adopted as a municipal ordinance for the Town of Bridgewater:

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

a. **Trailer or Mobile Home** shall mean and include any vehicle or portable structure constructed so as to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling for one or more persons including those trailer or mobile homes which have temporarily or permanently become stationary through the use of blocks or other foundations.

b. **Written Request** shall be by letter signed by the applicant sent to the Selectmen, including the following information:

1. Type and size of trailer or mobile home
2. Year of manufacture of trailer or mobile home
3. Location of lot and area of lot
4. Present owner of lot
5. Sketch of lot to scale showing proposed location of trailer or mobile home on lot

6. Name of Applicant

7. Approval of Water Supply and Pollution Control Board  
of the State of New Hampshire

## 2. EXCEPTIONS

a. Any trailer or mobile home lawfully situated in the Town of Bridgewater at the effective date of this ordinance which conforms to all health and other regulations of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Bridgewater shall be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance for so long as said trailer or mobile home is not moved from the lot on which it is located at the effective date of this ordinance.

b. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the storage of any trailer or mobile home when said trailer or mobile home is not used for living or sleeping purposes.

c. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the storage or use of campers or travel trailers when not used as a dwelling.

d. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the placement of prebuilt, double wide or modular homes or such homes by any other name.

3. No trailer or mobile home shall be located in the Town of Bridgewater except in a trailer or mobile home park as defined in the Town of Bridgewater ordinance regulating trailer or mobile home parks until such trailer or mobile home and location have been approved by a combined meeting of the Planning Board and Selectmen following a public hearing on the proposed location.

## 4. PUBLIC HEARING

Upon written request presented to the Selectmen by a person wishing to locate a trailer or mobile home within the Town of Bridgewater the Selectmen and the Planning Board shall hold a public hearing to discuss the proposed location within thirty (30) days of receipt of said written request. Notice of such public hearing shall be published in the local papers serving the Town not more than fourteen (14) days before said hearing.

## 5. STANDARDS

Permission to locate a trailer or mobile home in the Town of Bridgewater shall be granted in writing within thirty (30) days of said hearing if the person requesting the location shall demonstrate at said hearing that the proposed location of a trailer or mobile home shall meet the following requirements.

a. That the placement of said trailer or mobile home shall not lower property values in the immediate vicinity of said trailer or mobile home.

b. That placement of said trailer or mobile home shall be consistent with development or development plans in the immediate vicinity.

c. That the placement of said trailer or mobile home shall meet State and Local sub-division requirements and other regulations where applicable.

d. That said trailer or mobile home shall be located no closer than seventy-five (75) feet to any Town or State highway side-line or closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any lot line or existing building.

e. That placement of said trailer or mobile home shall have no adverse effect on the general attractiveness or welfare of the Town of Bridgewater.

6. In all cases it is recommended that a person wishing to place a trailer or mobile home in the Town of Bridgewater appear at a regular meeting of the Bridgewater Planning Board to discuss the above requirements so that he may be familiar with the regulations and properly prepared to present his application at the public hearing.

## 7. PENALTIES

Any person, association or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined no more than Ten (10) Dollars for each day of each violation or neglect or refusal to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The Selectmen are further authorized to seek injunctive relief as well as the afore mentioned fine.

8. If any part or section of this ordinance shall be declared

invalid by any court, this shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

#### **9. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect as of the Fifteenth Day of May 1974.

17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ordinance relating to Trailer and Mobile Homes Parks.

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater, in the interest of protecting the public health and safety of its inhabitants, and in the interest of insuring adequate fire and other municipal protection for the inhabitants residing in "Trailer or Mobile Home Parks" within said Town of Bridgewater, the following regulations are hereby adopted as a municipal ordinance for said Town of Bridgewater.

#### **Section 1. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this ordinance the following terms shall have the meaning below:

A. The definitions and regulations adopted by the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Welfare in connection with "Trailer or Mobile Home Parks", designated as regulations 1 - 57 thru 13 - 57, being adopted, pursuant to the general authority to make regulations found in the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 147 section 2, and said definitions and regulations as may be from time to time amended by State Dept. of Health and Welfare, are herein incorporated by reference and made a specific part hereof, and adopted by the Town of Bridgewater, in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire as part of their ordinance regulating "Trailer or Mobile Home Parks."

B. "Trailer or Mobile Home" shall mean and include any vehicle or portable structure constructed so as to permit the occupancy thereof as a dwelling for one or more persons, including those "Trailer or Mobile Homes" which have temporarily or permanently become stationary through the use of block or other foundations.

C. "Trailer or Mobile Home Park" shall mean and include an area of land on which two or more occupied "Trailers or Mobile



Homes" are located either free of charge or for revenue, together with any building structure or enclosure used as part of the equipment of such park.

#### **Section 2. LICENSE REQUIRED:**

It shall be unlawful to establish, maintain or operate any "Trailer or Mobile Home Park" in the Town of Bridgewater without first having obtained a license therefor. Application for such license shall be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen on such forms as they may supply, and shall contain the name of the applicant, the location of the proposed park and the number of trailers to be accommodated.

#### **Section 3. PLAN:**

Each application shall be accompanied by a plan or sketch, drawn to scale, showing: the size and locations of all buildings and structures, either in being or proposed for future construction, the location of streets and driveways and off-street parking, in being or proposed, and the sites for the location of trailers or mobile homes.

#### **Section 4. SUPERVISION:**

Each "Trailer or Mobile Home Park," while operated, shall be in charge of a responsible attendant or caretaker at all times, who shall be responsible, with license for the compliance with the provisions of this ordinance relating to the conduct of such parks.

#### **Section 5. SPACES:**

A mobile home lot shall be complete before occupancy is permitted. The minimum lot size within a "park" shall be ten thousand (10 000) square feet and shall be at least one hundred (100) feet in width. Lots occupied by mobile homes exceeding twenty (20) feet in width shall have a minimum area of twelve thousand (12,000) square feet and shall be at least one hundred and twenty (120) feet in width. A mobile home shall be so harbored on its lot that there shall be a minimum of side and end clearance of fifty (50) feet between adjacent mobile homes. Any enclosed accessory structure that is attached to a mobile home shall, for the purpose of clearance requirements be considered to be part of the mobile home. No mobile home shall be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to a paved street or service building within the park. A minimum of twenty-five (25) feet shall be maintained between a mobile home, and its side and rear lot boundaries. No mobile home or trailer shall be located closer than seventy-five (75) feet to any

Town or State Highway side line.

**Section 6. OPEN SPACES:**

Each mobile home site shall abut or face a roadway of not less than thirty (30) feet in width. All dead end roads shall have a turnaround. All roads within the "Trailer or Mobile Home Park" shall be summer and winter maintained by the licensee.

**Section 7. WATER SUPPLY:**

An adequate supply of pure water for drinking and domestic purposes shall be available to each lot.

**Section 8. SEWERAGE AND WASTE DISPOSAL:**

It shall be the duty of the owner; to provide adequate sewerage disposal systems for each lot or site, said system shall be not less than the standards set forth by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission from time to time in their regulations and to require that all trailers or mobile homes are provided with toilet and waste facilities that are connected and in good working order.

**Section 9. EXCEPTIONS:**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the storage of any trailer or mobile home when said trailer or mobile home is not used for living or sleeping purposes. Existing mobile home parks are permitted to operate if they obtain a license. If they expand, the expansion must conform to this ordinance.

**Section 10. PENALTY:**

Any person, association, or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined not more than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each day such violation or neglect or refusal to comply with provisions of this ordinance, shall remain uncollected.

**Section 11. EFFECTIVE DATE:**

This ordinance shall take effect as of the Fifteenth Day of May 1974.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

19. To transact any further business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this Nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

WILLIAM T. THISTLE

MASON P. WESTFALL

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

HOLLIS L. POLLARD

WILLIAM T. THISTLE

MASON P. WESTFALL

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF INVENTORY**

Land, Improved and Unimproved	\$ 4,778,450.00
Buildings	4,028,750.00
Public Utilities	228,950.00
48 House Trailers, Mobile Homes	168,650.00
17 Boats and Launches	10,600.00
<b>Total Valuation before Exemptions</b>	<b>\$ 9,215,400.00</b>
Less Exemptions Allowed	50,070.00
<b>Net Valuations</b>	<b>\$ 9,165,330.00</b>
Property Taxes Committed to Collector	\$ 163,236.70

**Tax Rate \$1.80**

**SELECTMEN'S CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS POLLARD  
MASON WESTFALL  
WILLIAM THISTLE

Selectmen of Bridgewater



# **BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**

**Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974 or for the Fiscal Year from  
January 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974**

<b>SECTION 1</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
<b>APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>Previous Fiscal Yr.</b>	<b>Previous Fiscal Yr.</b>	<b>Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1974</b>
<b>General Government:</b>			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 3,257.47	\$ 4,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,800.00	3,289.85	3,000.00
Election & Registration Expenses	400.00	206.15	400.00
Auto Permit Fees	600.00	559.00	600.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,700.00	1,765.33	3,000.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,400.00
Contingency Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00
<b>Protection of Persons and Property:</b>			
Police Department	1,200.00	1,960.46	1,500.00
Fire Department	800.00	995.00	800.00
Insurance	2,500.00	2,471.45	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00	337.12	500.00
Damages & Legal Expense	175.00	100.00	175.00
Newfound Area Ambulance Assoc.	440.00	440.00	470.00
<b>Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals and Ambulance) NANA</b>			
Vital Statistics	400.00	400.00	400.00
Lakes Region Mental Health	5.00	1.50	5.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	50.00	50.00	50.00
	4,000.00	3,798.35	4,000.00
<b>Highways &amp; Bridges:</b>			
General Expenses of Highway Depart.	45,000.00	45,200.41	48,000.00
Town Road Aid	513.08	513.08	512.14
<b>Libraries:</b>	235.00	235.00	235.00
<b>Public Welfare:</b>			
Town Poor	800.00	379.22	800.00
Old Age Assistance	1,200.00	917.73	1,200.00

Old Home Day	50.00	50.00	100.00
<b>Patriotic Purposes:</b> (Memorial Day)	15.00	15.00	15.00
<b>Recreation:</b> Community Center	400.00	400.00	450.00
<b>Public Service Enterprises:</b>			
Lakes Region Planning Commission	533.00	533.00	510.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	175.00	175.00	200.00
<b>Debt Service:</b>			
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	8,700.00	8,700.00	8,200.00
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds	1,345.50	1,342.50	907.50
Interest on Temporary Loans	1,500.00	1,823.90	1,800.00
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>			
Town Construction	6,800.06	6,800.00	10,800.00
New Equipment	4,600.00	4,600.00	6,700.00
Conservation Commission	1,000.00		
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Deficit of Previous Year	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Sewer Survey			750.00
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 95,686.58</b>		<b>\$106,679.64</b>

## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

SECTION II SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated		
	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr.	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Yr.	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Yr. 1974
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,867.26	\$ 2,500.00
Savings Bank Tax	250.00	250.00	250.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,100	2,258.89	2,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	6,800.00	6,721.23	6,800.00
Reim. A/C Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,100.00	2,187.72	2,298.00
<b>From Local Sources:</b>			
Dog Licenses	150.00	221.00	175.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	30.00	30.00	30.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000.00	10,229.36	9,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	500.00	734.42	700.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	250.00	266.00	260.00
Resident Taxes Retained	1,000.00	1,970.00	1,900.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	25.00	177.66	25.00
Rent of Town Property		180.00	120.00
<b>Income from Departments</b>			
Driveway Plowing	2,000.00	1,970.00	2,000.00
Gas Tax Refund	300.00	432.00	700.00
Gas Sold State Car	150.00	83.78	
<b>From Federal Sources:</b>			
Revenue Sharing	10,000.00	13,961.28	13,000.00
<b>Total Revenues From All Sources</b>			
Except Property Taxes	\$ 34,655.00	\$ 44,540.60	\$ 41,758.00
<b>Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes</b>			\$ 64,921.64
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>			\$ 106,679.64

### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The year 1973 in retrospect presents a very unusual picture. The disastrous flood of July 4th naturally comes to mind first of all, which by the way, engineers tell us can be expected only once in every 150 to 200 years. While most of the people are aware of the damage to roads and bridges, in addition to these the dam on the Tilton Brook was lost. Total estimated damage by State and Federal engineers was in excess of \$127,000. The highway damage has been repaired and the dam will be replaced this summer. Our thanks are extended to those persons who showed patience and understanding while waiting for the highway crew to effect temporary repairs.

The gravel crushing operation proved very satisfactory with over 6,200 yards of material processed at a cost of approximately \$1.22 per yard. About 4,600 yards was used on the Whittemore Point job and the balance on other town roads. It is hoped that a similar operation can be carried out this coming year.

The Selectmen hope to continue improving the Whittemore Point Road on the south end by straightening out the dangerous curve and rebuilding the road bed. A large stone culvert in this same area needs replacing very badly. The section from Route 3A to the Town Dump should also be rebuilt if it is possible to arrange for proper drainage.

Another highway problem of serious proportions developed when the regular supply of gasoline became unavailable. Repeated calls to both State and Federal levels failed to promise any relief or give promise of any in the future. As a result of this the town now has an adequate supply in storage through the summer season.

An article has been inserted in the Town Warrant for an appropriation to engage the Anderson Nichols Company to conduct a sewerage survey for the Town of Bridgewater. This is necessary for two main reasons. First the Town of Bristol is planning a sewer line to the lower end of Newfound Lake. Secondly, The population of the town is showing a slow but steady increase, especially in the Whittemore Point area. This could lead to an order from the Water Pollution Board for a sewer system in the foreseeable future.

We have been advised that it is not economically feasible for Bridgewater to have its own system because we have no stream



in which to dump the waste. Therefore if we will supply additional funding for the line from Bristol the problem could be solved. The funds asked for in the warrant are for a preliminary survey only and do not commit the town in any way, and, Federal and State funds are available for the majority of the cost.

The Town is in a better financial condition than ever with a surplus of \$6,507.61 as compared to a deficit of \$3,479.51 for last year. The total of the long term notes has been decreased by \$8,700 and the Capital Reserve fund now totals \$4,693.16.

The total to be raised as shown in the Budget is \$3,800 over last year. Because many of these items are estimates, with a new open space law and the Legislature in special session, it cannot be predicted how the tax rate will be affected.

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall	\$ 8,000.00
Grange Hall, Garage and Land	30,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries	900.00
Office Equipment	1,500.00
Highway Department:	
Trucks and Plows	\$ 13,000.00
A. C. Tractor Plow	500.00
A. C. Front Loader	2,500.00
Hough Payloader	25,000.00
Huber Maintainer	5,500.00
Tools and Equipment	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 48,500.00
Fire Department	3,000.00

## STATE AUDIT

**Division of Municipal Accounting - Frederick Laplante, Director**

February 13, 1974

### Summary of Findings and Recommendations

Board of Selectmen  
Bridgewater, New Hampshire  
Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk for retention as part of the permanent records.

### Scope of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Road Agent and Trustees of Trust Funds.

### Financial Information

#### General Fund:

#### Comparative Balance Sheets - As of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973: (Exhibit A-1)

Comparative Balance Sheets showing the financial condition of the general fund - as of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973, are presented in Exhibit A-1. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed by \$9,987.12 from a Current Deficit of \$3,479.51 to a Current Surplus of \$6,507.61 at December 31, 1973.

#### Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition: (Exhibit A-2)

An analysis of the change in the current financial condition of the Town during the year is included in Exhibit A-2, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

#### Increase in Current Surplus:

Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	\$10,038.92
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#### Decrease in Current Surplus:

Decrease in Accounts Receivable	51.80
Net Change	\$9,987.12

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures -  
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits A-3 and A-4)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973 are presented in Exhibits A-3 and A-4. As indicated by the Budget Summary (Exhibit A-4), a revenue surplus of \$5,185.35, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$4,853.57 resulted in a budget surplus of \$10,038.92.

**Long Term Indebtedness:**

**Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973: (Exhibit A-5)**

Comparative Balance Sheets of the outstanding long term indebtedness of the Town as of December 31, 1972 and December 31, 1973 are contained in Exhibit A-5. As indicated therein, the long term debt decreased by \$8,700.00 during 1973, from \$26,850.00 to \$18,150.00. Matured notes in the amount of \$8,700.00 were paid during the fiscal year.

**Statement of Debt Service Requirements: (Exhibit A-6)**

A statement showing annual debt service requirements (principal and interest) as of December 31, 1973 is presented in Exhibit A-6.

**Disaster Relief Act Funds:**

**Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1973: (Exhibit A-7)**

A balance sheet of the Disaster Relief Act Funds as of December 31, 1973, is contained in Exhibit A-7. As indicated therein, the unexpended Fund balance, based on the Federal Grant approved October 10, 1973, amounted to \$20,321.53.

**Treasurer**

**General Fund:**

**Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit B-1)**

A classified statement of general fund receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973 made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit B-1. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1973 is indicated in Exhibit B-2.



### **Audit Procedure**

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Verification of uncollected and unredeemed taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Tax Collector's records. Consequently, the amounts of uncollected and unredeemed taxes as indicated in this report are subject to any changes which may be necessitated by the return of verification notices.

### **Conclusion:**

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, require that the auditors' summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in the audit report is optional, at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Bridgewater for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Very truly yours,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
Department of Revenue Administration

**Certificate of Audit**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1973.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of sources of revenues and expenditures present fairly the financial position of the Town of Bridgewater at December 31, 1973, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental entities, applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE, Director  
Division of Municipal Accounting  
Department of Revenue Administration

**EXHIBIT A-6**  
**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**  
**Long Term Indebtedness**  
**Statement of Debt Service Requirements**  
**As of December 31, 1973**

	Highway Equipment Notes		Grader Notes		Truck Notes		Equipment Notes		Total	
	5%		5%		5%		5%			
Amount of Original Issue	\$28,750.00		\$3,000.00		\$4,000.00		\$3,600.00			
Date of Original Issue	August 10, 1970		August 12, 1971		July 12, 1971		December 29, 1972			
Principal Payable Date	December 31		December 31		December 31		December 31			
Interest Payable Date	December 31		December 31		December 31		December 31			
Payable At	First National Bank, Bristol, N.H.		First National Bank, Bristol, N.H..		First National Bank, Bristol, N.H.		First National Bank, Bristol, N.H.			
<b>Maturities -</b>										
<b>Fiscal Year Ending:</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>
Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 687.50	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,200.00	\$120.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 907.50
Dec. 31, 1975	5,000.00	437.50					1,200.00	60.00	6,200.00	497.50
Dec. 31, 1976	3,750.00	187.50							3,750.00	187.50
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	\$13,750.00	\$1,312.50	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$2,400.00	\$180.00	\$18,150.00	\$1,592.50

**DETAIL STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES****Town Officers Salaries:**

Hollis Pollard, Selectman	\$ 375.00
William Thistle, Selectman	375.00
Mason Westfall, Selectman	375.00
Patricia Mitchell, Town Clerk	75.00
Clara Jenness, Treasurer	150.00
Margaret Thistle, Tax Collector	1,782.47
Ronald Towne, Moderator	50.00
Kenneth Raymond, Chief of Police	75.00
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	\$ 3,257.47

**Town Officers Expenses:**

Enterprise Press	\$ 519.03
N. E. Tel & Tel.	297.78
Gregg's Office Supply	99.50
Mort Cavis	467.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	58.11
State of New Hampshire	382.23
Charles Wood	190.45
Postage	104.00
First National Bank of Bristol	212.44
Homestead Press	17.40
Mt. Media	35.20
Bradford Publishing	9.70
Adirondack Chair	354.00
John Ray, (Bonds)	95.00
Barbara Fortier	.10
Burrough's Corp.	39.90
N. H. Town Clerks Association	5.00
N. H. Tax Collectors Association	5.00
N. H. Town Clerks Association	8.00
Municipal Association	62.50
Clay's Newsstand	1.55
William Thistle (lunches)	6.00

**Election and Registration:**

Mt. Media	\$ 42.00
Enterprise Press	46.40
Agnes Murphy	15.00
Myra Cavis	37.00
Jean Wilcox	26.50

**Planning Board:**

Enterprise Press	\$ 123.40
Frank Cheney	36.60
Planning Board	153.42
Soc. of N. H. Forests	10.50

**Town Hall and Other Buildings:**

N. E. Electric Coop.	\$ 45.56
Public Service Co.	243.74
Charles A. Carr Co.	1,074.46
Frank Phinney Plumbing	30.00
Frank Cheney	46.50
Hackett's Electric	142.00

**Insurance:**

John Ray	\$ 2,207.10
Robert Main	29.75
Bristol Real Estate and Insurance	207.60

**Town Dump:**

Garreth Gilpatric	\$ 500.00
Town of Bristol	900.00
R. P. Williams	75.00
John Thompson	75.00
John Kelley	234.00
Sanel Industrial	28.35
Howard Mitchell, Labor	2,016.00

**Fire Department:**

Weir Boat Fire	\$ 186.00
Whip-O-Will Motel	130.00
False Alarm	181.00
Kochanski Boat Fire	248.00
Fernald Fire	245.00
Harold Stone	5.00



**Highway Department:****Labor:**

John Morgan, Jr.	\$ 6,766.10
David Bergeron	4,710.95
Charles W. Thurber, III	2,487.00
Eugene Morgan	1,730.87
Ronald Bruno	69.00
Leslie Jenness	115.50
Andrew Denton	158.62
William Cramton	462.00
Lawrence Fogg	48.00
Michael Flanders	195.00

**Equipment Hire:**

Eugene Morgan, plowing	\$ 1,543.75
Robert Cass, plowing	221.00
Earth Inc.	745.50

**Expenses:**

Bartlett Auto	\$ 696.00
Prescott Lumber	54.45
Charles Carr Co.	290.14
Moulton Getty	9.40
Paquette Paving	962.67
J. C. Croucher	508.67
Charles Gould	879.09
Brooks Auto	740.00
R. C. Hazelton	968.55
David Bergeron	40.00
Fred's Auto	1,193.67
Sanel Auto	1,347.72
Texaco (Speed)	1,836.14
Newfound Shell	72.32
Merrimac Farmers	97.96
Palmer Spring	267.11
R. P. Williams	124.12
Harris Brothers	76.00
Hampshire Oil	453.00
Lewis Smith	36.00
B. B. Chain	821.88
Bristol Sunoco	45.64
Phinney's Plumbing	53.48
A. S. Woodward	266.40

William Thistle	34.40
Jarnes Hand	16.79
International Salt	2,071.03
Tax Collector	241.02
Northeast Tire Service	362.00
Irwin Motors	380.41
Interstate Machinery	353.60
Belknap Tire	523.06
W. S. Darley Co.	87.17
Merriam Graves	34.05
Eastern Bearing	14.62
Campton Sand & Gravel	326.87
Bristol Electric	174.83
Raymond Tucker	34.50
Dick's Auto Body	8.40
Ross's Express	18.36
Nashua Tree Service	239.30
Short's Garage	31.80
Charles McLoed	94.65
L. M. Pike	128.25
Charlie's Exxon	478.00
William Riley & Son	847.00
Crushed Bank Gravel:	
Ed Smith, 5144 yards	1,285.00
Earl Bucklin, 1100 yards	110.00
L. E. Avery, crusher	7,649.00
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	9,044.00
Culverts	923.40

**WHITTEMORE POINT ROAD NORTH  
TRA PROJECT**

**Funds Available:**

Town's Share	\$ 513.08
State's Share	3,420.56
Amount Carried Forward from '72	4,025.65
Highway Subsidy	6,721.23
Balance TRA Jan. 1, 1973	1,215.05
Credit 4600 yards gravel	6,762.00
Total Funds Available	<hr/> \$ 22,657.57

**Expenditures:**

Donald Poitras	\$ 455.00
Dept. of Public Works	5,000.00
Lawrence Sharp	135.00
A. S. Woodward	235.00
Paquette Paving	226.82
State of N. H.	9,329.87
Gravel 4600 yards	6,762.00
	<hr/> \$ 22,143.59
Surplus	\$ 513.98

## STATEMENT OF FLOOD ACCOUNT

**Expenditures:**

J. P. Morrison Const. Co.	\$ 148.00
Denis Matthews & Son	558.00
Newfound Regional Const. Co.	958.55
Foster Const. Co.	2,445.00
Earth Inc.	12,424.50
James Nelson	468.00
Robert Ramsey	351.00
Bomar Const. Co.	15,460.25
L. E. Avery	6,418.60
Paquette Paving	13,111.29
C. A. Mooney & Son	17,880.00
Northeast Culvert	2,694.59
Lawrence Sharp	1,107.00
William Simpson	477.00
George Reed	56.00
John Perrotta	55.25
Ambrose Bros.	45.50
W. Plymouth Concrete Prod.	63.61
Robert Gilpatric	118.10
John Thompson	780.00
Burtfeige Equip. Co.	238.50
Robert Whitehouse	978.75
Alfred Jenness	45.00
Raymond Tucker	317.00
R. P. Williams & Sons	289.32
William Robie	56.00
Town of Bridgewater	7,552.47
	<hr/> \$ 85,096.97

**Labor:**

John Morgan, Jr.	\$ 2,233.90
David Bergeron	1,851.00
Charles W. Thurber, III	1,741.50
Eugene Morgan	123.00
Andrew Denton	840.36
William Cramton	413.37
Michael Flanders	375.00
Alan Bagley	90.00
Albert Burton	78.00
	<hr/> \$ 7,746.13
Amount received from Federal Government to date	\$ 56,500.00

## BRIDGEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests	5
Malicious Damage	2
Larceny	2
Littering Highway	1
Dog Complaints	7
Court Action	3
Settled Out of Court	2
Mileage - 1113 Miles - (2 Vehicles)	
Camp Checks (Routine) 32 per year	

KENNETH RAYMOND  
Chief of Police

## BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

**River Road Station** **Annual Report 1973**  
To the Trustees:

A gift of books from the Edward Haskell family, and another from John Perrotta, are gratefully acknowledged.

Books on hand Dec. 31, 1972	1467
Added by purchase	3
Added by gift	36

Books on hand Dec. 31, 1973	1506
Borrowed from Bookmobile	654

Books Loaned:

Adult Fiction	110
Adult Non-Fiction	79
Child Fiction	367
Child Non-Fiction	170

Total Books Loaned	726
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### Borrowing Membership:

Adults	6
Children	22

Total Membership	28
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Respectfully submitted,

ALICE B. DICKINSON  
Librarian



## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

## Receipts:

Balance - December 31, 1973	\$ 902.95	
Town Appropriation	235.00	
Interest - Bristol Savings Bank	41.90	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,179.85

## Expenses:

Books and Supplies (R. R. Sta.)	\$ 6.20	
Salary and Postage Allowance	35.00	
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Cash on hand - December 31, 1973		\$ 1,138.65

MYRA P. CAVIS, Treasurer  
Library Trustees

## BRIDGEWATER OLD HOME WEEK REPORT

Balance on hand from 1972 appropriation	\$ 59.86
1973 Town appropriation	50.00
	\$ 109.86

## Payments:

Noon Lunch	\$ 39.60	
Mountain Media Programs	46.25	
Repairs and Painting Flagpole	23.93	
Balance of Town Appropriation	.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 109.86

Respectfully submitted  
PATRICIA G. MITCHELL  
Secretary - Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

The New Hampshire Forest Fire Service is represented in every town, city or unorganized place in our state by the forest fire warden. Anyone wishing to kindle an outside fire when the ground is not covered with snow must first obtain the written permission of the fire warden. Except for cooking fires, no fire can be kindled between 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. unless it is a commercial or industrial burn or it is raining. The fire warden is assisted in his work by the District Forest Fire Chief who works for the Department of Resources and Economic Development Forest Fire Service.

Fire prevention was, again this year, the most important part of the Forest Fire Warden's job. Fire statistics show the need with 72% of the fires caused by smoking, debris burning and children. Smokey the Bear is an important prevention tool but he still needs much help from the public. Parents should warn their children of the hazards of playing with matches. Children tend to forget that a lighted match held in their hand is a potential forest fire.

### Forest Fire Record:

	State	District	Town
Fires reported	617	12	0
Acres burned	244	1½	0
Acres average size	.395		

District Fire Chief  
GERALD GROSS

Forest Fire Warden  
HOLLIS L. POLLARD

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BRIDGEWATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Bridgewater Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1974 and makes the following report to the Selectmen.

Notice was taken of recent changes in the law authorizing the Planning Board to nominate one of the members to sit on the Conservation Commission, and involving the Conservation Commission in investigating and reporting on applications for developments involving surface water or wetland.

The status of the four pieces of town property was discussed. Tentative title to the Kelly Lot near the Union Bridge has been obtained, and it is recommended that the property be surveyed, the wreck of the old building be removed, and a boat landing site be developed.

It was recommended that the 35 acre Flanders Lot on the Old County Road on the Bridgewater - Bristol line be sold with suitable restriction as to subdivision, and the money used to acquire a piece of lake front property on Newfound Lake for a recreational area.

No specific recommendations were made about the Marston - Tilton Lot or the Mica Mine.

There was a discussion of solid waste disposal in the light of recent recommendations of the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Until more economical methods of either incineration or recycling are available, it appears that for the present this area will do best with sanitary land fill on a regional basis, combining two or more towns.

It was felt that special effort should be made to obtain lake front property for a public beach for Bridgewater residents and property owners.

JAMES H. TOWNSEND, Chairman  
MARLENE MATTHEWS  
RONALD TOWNE

# **NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET**

**December 31, 1973**

**Exhibit A**

**— Assets —**

**Current Assets:**

Cash in Checking Account		\$1,527
Cash in Savings Account		3,302
Petty Cash		20
Accounts Receivable	\$ 2,031	
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	466	1,565
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Prepaid Rent		40
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		\$ 6,454

**Restricted Assets:**

Cash in Savings Account: Memorial Fund	75
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	<b>Accumulated Depreci-</b>		
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>ation</b>	<b>Net</b>
Automobile	\$ 2,694	\$ 778	\$ 1,916
Office Equipment	507	162	345
Radio	327	76	251
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	\$ 3,528	\$ 1,016	\$ 2,512

Total Assets	\$ 9,041
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**Liabilities and Net Worth**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts Payable:	
Blue Cross Blue Shield	\$ 415
Accrued and Withheld Payroll Taxes	232
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	\$ 647

**Net Worth:**

Memorial Fund January 1, 1973	\$ 66	
Interest Earned during the Year	9	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 75
Net Worth Unrestricted January 1, 1973	\$ 12,216	
Less: Refunds of prior year advances and overpayments to Blue Cross Blue Shield	1,391	
	<u>          </u>	
	\$ 10,825	
Excess of Expenses over Income (Exhibit B)	(2,506)	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 8,319
Total Net Worth December 31, 1973		<u>          </u> \$ 8,394
		<u>          </u>
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		\$ 9,041

**NEWFOUND AREA NURSING ASSOCIATION  
INCOME STATEMENT**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1973  
Exhibit B**

**Income:**

Nursing Services	\$ 13,069	
<b>Town Appropriations:</b>		
Bristol	\$ 1,400	
New Hampton	900	
Alexandria	300	
Bridgewater	400	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3,000
Contributions - General		30
Fund Raising Activities		190
Total Operating Income		<u>          </u> \$ 16,289



**Expenses:**

Salary of Registered Nurse		\$ 5,983
Salary of Nurse's Aide		3,168
Office Salaries		3,205
Payroll Taxes		723
Physical Therapist		855
Travel: Automobile	328	
Mileage	563	891
Insurance		929
Depreciation		791
Telephone		498
Rent		630
Employee Benefits		341
Nursing Supplies		203
Office Expense		217
Audit and Accounting		120
Taxes		33
Office Repairs and Moving		142
Dues and Meetings		226
		————— \$ 18,955
Operating Income (Loss)		(\$ 2,666)

**Other Income:**

Interest on Savings Account	160
Excess of Expenses over Income (Exhibit A)	(\$ 2,506)

# NEWFOUND AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

Amount Received From Towns In Association	\$ 3,335.00
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Ambulance Equipment, Supplies and Replacement of Supplies	933.87
Gas, Oil, Labor and Tires	530.46
Insurance	749.00
Drivers and Attendants (not including Fred Emmons)	506.25

Total Calls	118
Paid Calls	73
Unpaid Calls	38
False Calls	7

New Hampton	8
Bristol	73
Alexandria	13
Hebron	5
Groton	4
Hill	2
Danbury	2
Bridgewater	8
Franklin	1
Plymouth	2
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## VITAL STATISTICS

## — BIRTHS —

Date and place of birth; name and sex of child; name of father; maiden name of mother.

Delayed birth certificate received July 26, 1973 from Plymouth Town Clerk:

May 9, 1968 Plymouth; Lisa Jane Drew, Female; Alan Drew; Althea Rose Beard.

## — MARRIAGES —

Date and place of marriage, name and surname of bridegroom and bride; name and official station of person performing ceremony.

Feb. 24, 1973 Concord, N. H. Robert Merrill Bent; Marion Bergeron Clark; Edward A. Cahill, Clergyman.

May 28, 1973 Bridgewater, N. H. Charles Dunkason Tapply; Claire Louise Bailey, Donald Towle, Minister

Aug. 25, 1939 Concord, N. H. Thomas Alan Bedford; Carolyn Beth Dehls; Elmer A. Talcott, Clergyman.

## — DEATHS —

Date and place of death; name and surname of deceased; age.

Oct. 14, 1973 Franklin, N. H.; Wilfred S. Morrill, 71.

Nov 3, 1973 Concord, N. H.; Leona Ethel Tucker, 63.

March 6, 1973 Brattleboro, Vermont; Martin Driscoll, 56.

Nov. 23, 1973 Plymouth, N. H. Zora Dorothea Smith, 82.

I hereby certify the above returns to be correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

PATRICIA MITCHELL, Town Clerk.













